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DECLARATION OF TAKESHI AOKI

Under 37 CFR 1.132

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Relating to U.S. Patent Application 09/972,925 Filed October 10, 2001

I, TAKESHI AOKI, of the City of Tokyo, in the Country of Japan, hereby
SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

1. I am an employee of the Primeworks Patent Agency Firm and as such have knowledge of the facts contained herein.
2. On or about, May 24, 2004, I contacted Masaki Hiraga with regard to signing a Declaration indicating his being the sole inventor of the subject matter claimed in US Patent Application No. 09/972,925, filed October 10, 2001, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING AND DECODING AN OBJECT (hereinafter "US Application").
3. Mr. Hiraga indicated that because he is no longer an employee of Monolith Co., Ltd., he felt that he should not be required to sign any additional documents.
4. On indicating to Mr. Hiraga that the earlier signed assignment in the US Application as well as his employment obligations were such that he had already indicated that he would sign further documents necessary to continue the application, Mr. Hiraga still refused to sign any further documentation.

5. Attached to this declaration as Exhibit "A" is a message that I believe was posted by Mr. Hiraga on a bulletin board system indicating his refusal to sign the Declaration.
6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

DECLARED AND AFFIRMED
BEFORE ME at the City of
Tokyo, this 29th day of July
2004.

Witness SAKAKI MORISHITA

Takeshi Aoki
TAKESHI AOKI

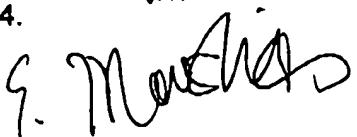


Exhibit A



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6/19ですが、その時間帯なら行けますので行きます。

なお、私のメアドは

masaki@hilaga.com

です。

MNのものは私は使用しておりませんので、
変更よろしく。

翻訳者へ業務連絡>

すみませんがサインはできません。

ご理解くださいませ。

翻訳者や青木さんには何の恨みもないんだけどネー
青木さん共々、試験がんばってください。

パクサ

on

2004/6/7 (Mon) 15:50

Exhibit A (English Translation)

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On June 19, I will be able to show up around the time specified.

My mail address is:

masaki@hilaga.com

Since I do not use the MN's mail address any longer, please change the address.

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A note to Translator >

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I am sorry I cannot sign.

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Please understand me.

I have no ill feelings against Translator and Mr. Aoki. Good luck to you and Mr. Aoki on the exam.

PAKUSA

on

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